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My precious sweetheart Frances:

As I had ~~only~~ already written you that I couldn't answer your lovely big letter on account of business, I take this first opportunity to fulfill my promise, and hope you will, as I have forgiven, forgive me for not answering on time.

Yes, Toots, my uncle knew to whom to go when he wanted to go in bankruptcy. There was another young lawyer there, hanging around when I wasn't there, trying to get my uncle to give him some business, but now he sees all his underhand efforts have failed. It certainly is a pity that he has to go into bankruptcy, but it was the only thing he had to do, for if would have gone in voluntarily, his creditors would have forced him in, so what's the difference. In this way, voluntary bankruptcy, I make some money, while the other way, I would only make about $50.00. If I make enough money, I would want to come home, of course, but this is bothering me. If I do come home, I will have to make enough out of this case so that I can have about $200.00 in the bank & then my fare & enough for a ring; then again, I would want to be married this summer instead of next summer. Of course, this would have to be considered when I'm home, but dog-gone it, sweetheart, I love

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am hungry for you. I want you so! Even your note & heart aren't sufficient. I want you with me. I want to kiss you, to squeeze you, to —— oh, Lord, I really don't know what to say further, but you can rest assured, I mean it.

About the birthday present, I want to say that I did appreciate it & appreciate it very much, but I wanted you to know that if means would have permitted me, I would have returned you a present. You see, I didn't know how you felt toward it, but as long as you have been so sweet about it, why, I don't have to say anything further.

Tootsie, when I wrote you about my having a headache, I felt so rotten, I didn't think I could stand it, but I'm over it as I have taken the precaution to wear my glasses. I hate to wear them, & when I read without them, my eyes start burning & paining & before I know anything, I see "red". However, don't worry, honey, I'm feeling pretty good, but tired, owing to the work I had to do in my uncle's matter. You may be sure, whatever I get out of it, it was earned — & earned honestly, too.

As for my worrying, I have something to worry about and that is, to make enough money to support you. I must try my best to warrant the implicit faith you have

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in me. It sure did me a lot of good to read that in your letter. To think I have the love, the heart & the absolute loving faith of the sweetest girl in the world, who is shortly to be my wife, is enough to swell my head. For those reasons especially, am I trying my hardest & am not letting a thing slip by.

Business has kind of picked up since I came back & I believe its because Nature knows what I want, so is therefore helping me. I have appealed one of my cases I lost, but the other I didn't, as my client moved out of the state and didn't want me to continue. I believe I will make a good begining with my uncle's case. Everybody will be wondering who the chap is that's representing one of the biggest concerns in the city and I can point, with some pride at least, to myself & say "I'm dee gee gee." I think that little by little, I'll work up a nice practice, that is a general practice. Civil & criminal law included. Once I get a good foothold, I'll be a made man. I've got to stick & stick hard, too, to my clients & I'm sure, I will be recompensed. My law professors are watching me intently

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as I go along, because they said they expect me to make good in this world and want to see how I do it. They always expressed a fondness towards me & when they heard that I am representing my uncle, you can just imagine how they felt towards me. They sure are a great bunch, I can tell you. I told the Clean, who is a bachelor about you & he asked me to bring you up to him so that he can get a good look at the wife of his former pupil. That's about the way he explained it.

Well, Toots, I must run down the store now, the receiver in bankruptcy is waiting for me, so I'll have to close now with all my love to my precious Frances,

Lovingly & yearningly,

Joe

Another nice fat letter, sweetheart, please.

I quit smoking cigarettes, but still smoke a cigar or pipe.